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National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update: DMAS Dual Use Period Extended Beyond May 23, 2007 & Paper Claim Form Deadline (June 1, 2007)

DMAS NPI/API Dual Use Extension

Upon review of the CMS NPI Guidance (www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand), and based on the readiness and needs of the Virginia Medicaid provider community, DMAS has decided to continue Virginia's NPI/API Dual Use Period beyond May 23, 2007. DMAS is currently reviewing contingency plans and will issue another Medicaid Memo well in advance of the mandatory NPI compliance date. Providers should continue to prepare for transition to use of the NPI/API and full NPI Compliance.

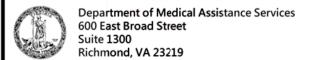
We <u>strongly</u> encourage healthcare providers who have not yet shared their NPI with DMAS and other payors to do so immediately, and to begin sending claims with their NPI/API as soon as possible in order to work through any billing and payment issues prior to the end of the Dual Use extension.

June 1st - New Paper Claim Form Deadline

DMAS will accept the UB-92 and the CMS-1500 (12/90) only through May 31, 2007. Providers must begin billing with the new UB-04 and the new CMS-1500 (08/05) on June 1, 2007. Old claim forms received by DMAS with a postmark of June 1, 2007, or later, will be denied. Providers may use either their legacy or NPI number on the new forms.

Disclosure of NPIs

The NPI Final Rule requires covered healthcare providers to disclose their NPIs to any entities that request NPIs for use in HIPAA standard transactions. **DMAS** is informing the provider community that it intends to disclose your NPIs to



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other Healthcare Entities for the purpose of conducting healthcare transactions, pursuant to CMS guidance. The guidance from CMS is available at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/NPIdisclosures.pdf.